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submersible vehicle (SV)

using a ^ASV to operate pumps on a fill and test package to force seawater behind said pig and move the pig from the pig launcher/receiver to the pig receiver; and

using said ^ASV to pump more water into said pipeline to a test pressure and maintaining said ^{pressure}pressur to assure that there are no leaks in said pipeline.

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b12. A method for the hydrostatic testing of a pipeline before its ends are connected

wherein both ends are on the seafloor comprising:

submersible vehicle (SV)


using a ^ASV to operate pumps on a fill and test package to raise the internal

pressure of the pipeline sufficiently for hydrostatic testing of the pipeline.

Remarks

Claims 7 – 12 appear in this application. Claims 10 and 11 have been allowed. Claims 7 and 12 have been amended as at the interview and were “considered sufficient to overcome the art of record” as expressed by Examiner Garber in the interview summary. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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